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New Yorker Admits Plot To Slay 158

NEW YORK, Aug. 14 (AP) — A Brooklyn machinist accused of plotting to kill 158 persons has pleaded guilty to conspiracy to commit murder and possession of dangerous weapons.

His change of plea Wednesday stopped his trial in its third day. Seven other charges were dropped.

William Hoff, 35, was sent to jail for sentencing Sept. 26. He could receive 22 years in prison.

The prosecution had submitted seven lists of names of persons Hoff allegedly plotted to kill.

Among those on the list were James Farmer, assistant secretary of health, education and welfare; radical student leader Mark Rudd; and New York Post columnist Max Lerner.

Police undercover agent William Plakenmeyer testified that Hoff had given him a TNT-filled orange juice can to detonate on the doorstep of a draft resistance group member.